

The applicant reiterates that it is not attempting to claim each individual PPI by itself. Rather the applicant is claiming a buffered PPI. In various independent and dependent claims, that a parietal cell activator can also be used in combination does not render the groupings independent and distinct sufficient to warrant restriction. By analogy, the applicant is generically claiming a fruit pie having a crust, with it being irrelevant what kind of fruit is used.

**D. Interview with Examiner for Thursday 05 October 2000.**

The applicant herewith confirms an interview with the Examiner on Thursday, 05 October 2000 at 9:00 am. A representative of the applicant, Shashank Upadhye, will attend.

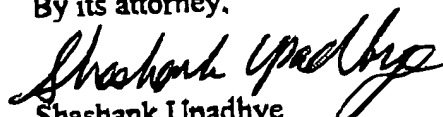
**E. Change of Address:**

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the last page indicating a new change of address.

**Conclusion**

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and believes that the claims as presented represent allowable subject matter. However, if the Examiner desires, the applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 312-876-3119.

Respectfully submitted,  
By its attorney,

  
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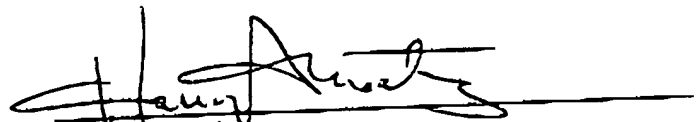
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